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Quick Facts

- Board members voted unanimously to give DiGiorgio the highest available rating of "exceeds expectations."
- DiGiorgio will begin his 22nd year at Winthrop in July and is the longest-serving public university president in South Carolina.



President Anthony DiGiorgio

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop University's Board of Trustees** voted unanimously June 11 to extend **President Anthony DiGiorgio's** contract and to give him an outstanding evaluation. The resolution adds an additional year to DiGiorgio's current rolling contract, which extends now to June 30, 2016.

Board Chair Kathy Bigham noted that individual board members' evaluations recognized DiGiorgio's outstanding leadership during continued economic troubles for country and the state. They credited him for handling cutbacks over the last 18 months that meant a total loss of more than \$6 million in state funding.

"The president has enjoyed the confidence of this board because of his vision and leadership style. I don't know if we've ever appreciated him more than now during these challenging economic times," **Bigham** said.

At the quarterly board meeting, board members voted unanimously to give DiGiorgio the highest available rating of "**exceeds expectations**" during his formal evaluation. The Winthrop board does not set the compensation level for the president. Instead, the board's recommendation goes to the **State Agency Head Salary Commission**, which may forward a salary increase recommendation to the **State Budget and Control Board**.

All agency heads in South Carolina, including **DiGiorgio**, have not received a salary increase since January 2007, and an increase will not be awarded for the next year as well.

DiGiorgio will begin his 22nd year at Winthrop in July. He is the longest-serving public university president in South Carolina.

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